

PHOTOSHOP - Fire Text Effect

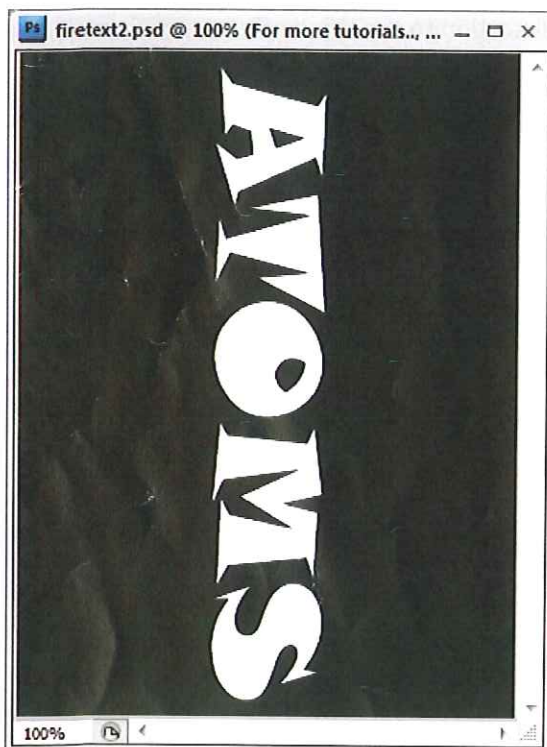


The first thing to do is to create a new document in PhotoShop.

For this example, we create a 400x300 black canvas. then add text to the canvas, in White.

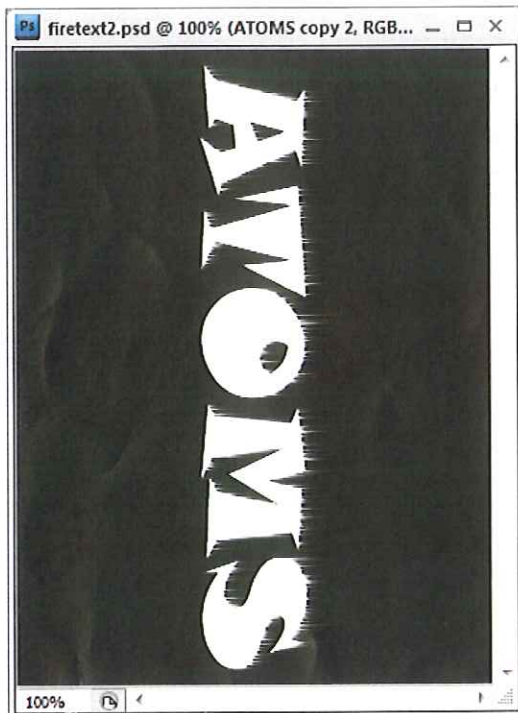
Now, go to

Image > Rotate Image Rotation > 90° CW.



Next, we need to Rasterize the text. But first, right-click the text layer and choose Duplicate Layer. Then hide that copied layer by clicking on the eye next to it:





Now we can right-click the original text layer and choose

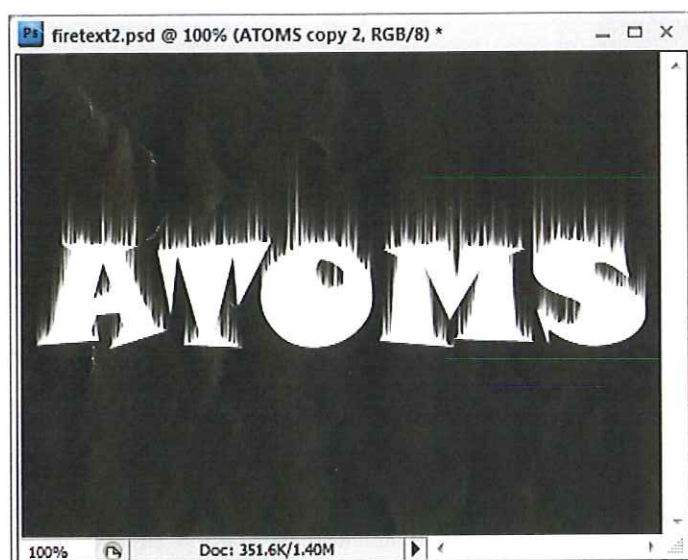
Rasterize Type

with this layer selected

go to Filter > Stylize > Wind.

We want to use the Method Wind, and Direction From the Left.

You may find that this is not enough for the amount of fire you want to add, so press Ctrl+F to repeat the filter until you get the desired amount. Then when you're done, do Image > Image Rotation > 90° CCW.



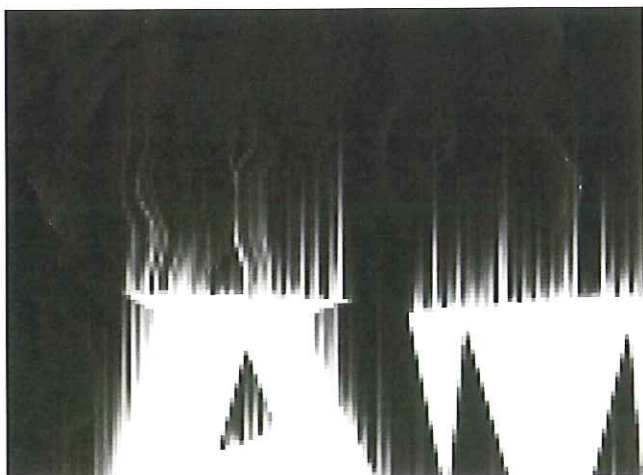
The next thing we want to do is create some distortion to the Wind effect, so it doesn't look so perfect - fire does not burn perfectly straight up.

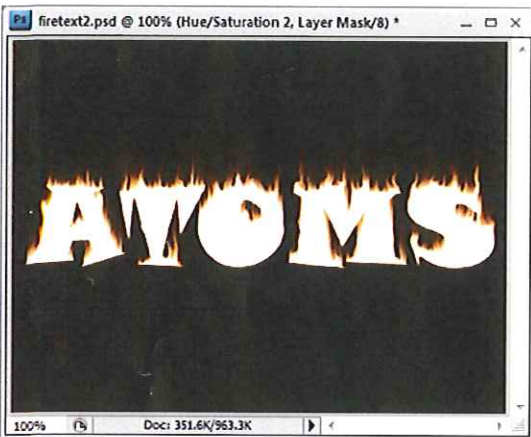
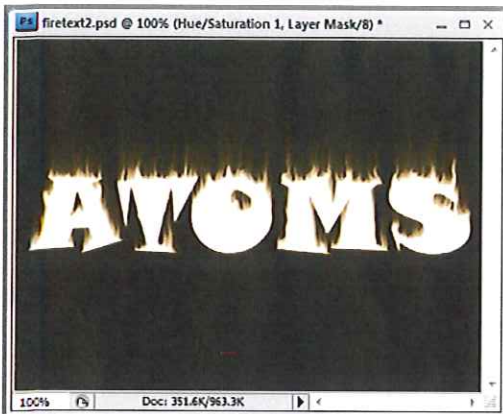
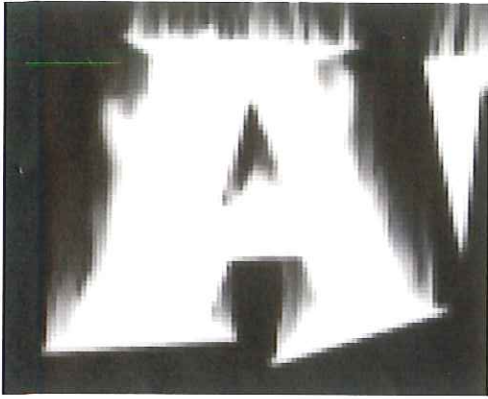
First add a new layer to below your Wind layer, fill it with black and then select the Wind layer again.

Now press Ctrl+E to Merge Down, so that the Window is merged with the black background.

Goto Filter > Liquify.

Here you can change your brush size at the top right, and zoom in and out with Ctrl+ and Ctrl- (hold spacebar to click and drag around a zoomed in image). Click and drag a few pixels to distort the waves.





Continue until you have the entire text how you want it. Then you can begin to distort the edges of the text a little, in the same way.

When you're done with liquify, click Ok.

Now click the Adjustment Layer icon in the layer panel (🔧) and choose Hue/Saturation. In the adjustment panel/window, make sure the Colorize checkbox is selected, and adjust the sliders to get the color you want (a yellowy/orange).

Next, repeat the last step to add another adjustment layer and give this more of a greenish colour (without Colourize checked). Then change the Blending Mode of this adjustment layer to Overlay.

If you find your fire too pixelated, you can add a slight Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur to it. Also consider adding a pattern or gradient overlay to your original text (remember we duplicated before we rasterized?).

Open up the Layer Style window for the text (double click an empty space of the layer in the layer window, or right-click and choose Blending Options).

Add an Inner Glow, Outer Glow and a Gradient Overlay, colours of your choice:

As always with PhotoShop, experiment to get the best results.



